

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the claim amendments set forth in this response. Pending claims 1, 3-11, 13-14 have been amended to clarify what is the claimed invention, and new claims 23-30 have been presented to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as his invention. The amendments of the claims, as set forth in this response, have been made to place the application in condition for allowance.

New independent claims 23 and 27 include limitations corresponding to those contained in independent claims 1, 5-6, 8-9, 10 and 13-14. Specifically, independent claims 23 and 27 require retrieving first authentication key data and key designation data from of an IC circuit of a mobile communication device, and using the first authentication key data and second authentication key data, respectively, at first and second data processing devices to perform an authentication between the first and second data processing devices. In addition, claims 23 and 27 recite that the first authentication key data had been generated using predetermined key data, and that the second authentication key data is generated at the second data processing device using key data designated by the key designation data retrieved from the mobile communication device.

As discussed in the response filed on December 9, 2008, the applied portions of Oishi do not appear to disclose or suggest using first authentication key data, which is retrieved from a mobile communication device and had been generated using predetermined key data, at a first data processing device, and at a second data processing device using second authentication key data generated at the second data processing device using key data designated by key designation data, where the key

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designation data also is retrieved from the mobile communication device, as required by claims 23 and 27.

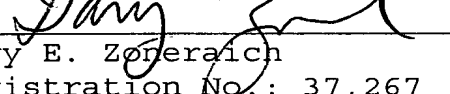
Accordingly, pending claims 1-22, and also newly presented claims 23-30, are patentable over Oishi. The Examiner is, therefore, respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections of the claims and pass this application including claims 1-30 to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone Applicants' Attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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